

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1528 - HB 1262

March 29, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a child who is adjudicated delinquent for a sexual offense or violent sexual offense that is a Class A, B, or C felony from attending an elementary or secondary public school with other children who have not been adjudicated delinquent.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures – \$3,600/Student
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - \$3,600/Student

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Children's Services (DCS), there are currently 174 children in state custody for such offenses.
- DCS currently receives \$4,000,000 in BEP funds for children sent to four different youth development centers. This would equate to a cost of approximately \$20 per day per child.
- The probability that a child would be found guilty of a felony sexual offense and not be remanded into the custody of a state agency is small. It is assumed that most children who meet these criteria are already in state custody in a secure facility and being educated.
- There would be a loss of an estimated \$3,600 in BEP funds to the LEAs for each student who is moved from the LEA to state custody.
- These children are not prohibited from attending private school.
- It is assumed that DCS would not be required to establish a new school/separate building within their system of youth development for this population of offenders from passage of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director